

NURSING ECHOES.

The annual meeting of subscribers and friends of the North London Nursing Association for providing trained nurses for the sick poor of North London was held at 413, Holloway Road on the 19th February.

Mrs. Turner (wife of Bishop Turner) presided. The number of cases nursed was 1,876, and the visits paid 34,257—a considerable increase on last year. A very large increase is also shown in the work at the School Treatment Centre, where 13,024 minor ailment cases were treated, and the attendances were 51,457, in addition to which 2,108 home visits were paid.

Mrs. Turner, in commenting on the report, spoke most warmly of the splendid work which the association has been doing for the sick poor of this large district for the past thirty-nine years—a great service of succour and pity and one of the best expressions of Christian love. Such work, she held, was of incalculable importance at the present time when there was such a great strain on the resources of all our hospitals, and also because so many in the homes of the working classes were engaged in munition or other work, and so were unable, even if capable, to render the necessary service to the sick member. Mrs. Turner said she was much struck by the large number of cases nursed and of visits paid, which opened up a vista of wonderful sympathy and blessing. The great work being done at the School Treatment Centre she considered of national importance at the present time, when the loss of life through the splendid devotion of our men was so great. Its wonderful growth seemed to show that the public conscience is waking up to the value of young life if the country is to keep the "Home fires burning." This work, Mrs. Turner said, must appeal to everyone who had the best interests of their country at heart.

Hearty appreciation of the services rendered by the Superintendent (Miss Stanley), the Deputy-superintendent (Miss Wiles), and the nurses was expressed by the Rev. E. A. Theobald, in whose parish much work has been done by the association. His appeals for nurses, he said, were always promptly responded to, and the invaluable services rendered were greatly appreciated by all his church workers, his parish being a large and very poor one.

Sir Thomas Barlow, speaking at the annual meeting of the Trained Nurses' Annuity Fund for Disabled Nurses at Caxton Hall, Westminster, on the 23rd ult., said a nurse's life was

a very short one, and many now working would be disabled (an admission which means over-work and under-pay). The pensions granted by the society allowed nurses to live with friends and relations.

Lady Perrott referred to the comparatively small pay of nurses, which did not enable them to save. The problem of providing for the disabled nurse was serious, and deserved immediate attention.

Lord Knutsford said the society was doing a work of great importance. Nurses were grossly underpaid, and every hospital must pay nurses better. Speaking of the excellent work of the sisters and the nurses who were serving in our hospitals at home, he said many nurses came to tell him they had received a call to serve abroad, but no one had told him they had received a call to serve at home. There are now thirty-three annuitants, but over sixty approved applicants are on the books of the fund. A donation of £500 will secure an immediate annuity of £26 for a nominee of the donor.

It was stated by Mr. Montagu Price, who presided, that the fund required most urgently £20,000, which would relieve the council of responsibility towards one-half the approved cases needing assistance on their waiting list.

This "Voice calling in the Wilderness" has been pleading for better pay for nurses for twenty years. Better pay, better health, and better work: one often hangs on the other.

A few weeks ago we notified that Mrs. Northwood (known to many nurses as Miss Beardsley), with Miss Simmonds, was opening a Ladies' Residential Club at 6 Nottingham Place, W. We are glad to learn that every one of the 20 beds in the Club is occupied, and, as the demand continues, it seems likely that even this accommodation will prove insufficient.

Mrs. Northwood has been very happy in her selection of a house, for Nottingham Place is most conveniently situated in relation to the majority of the great railway stations—Paddington, the Great Central, Baker Street, St. Pancras, Euston, King's Cross, underground and tubes all being within easy distance, while it is within a stone's throw of Harley Street and Wimpole Street.

On entering the house one at once gets an impression of spaciousness, light, and brightness; the rooms have pretty, light papers, and the staircase facing the front door, and leading directly to a comfortable lounge, is covered with a bright crimson carpet.

The dining-room, which is on the ground floor, looking on to Nottingham Place, is furnished with little tables, which lend them-

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